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## Curator's Corner

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This month, I took some time to dig up information from our research files on Syracuse businesses from the past. Check out the list of businessmen operating in Syracuse in 1882-83 on Page 4. Hope you learn something new!

A considerable industry in early Syracuse was coopering—the making of wooden, staved barrels for containing food or liquid. Indiana was famous in the mid-18th century as an apple-producing state, and every fall thousands of barrels of apples were shipped from Syracuse. Barrels were made at a cooper shop on (what is now) Harrison Street. Quite a number of men had regu-

lar employment as coopers, and the shop itself was a town hang-out for socializing and catching up on local news.

Did you know that Syracuse once had a pickle salting station? The Union Canning Company had a plant here at the start of the 20th century. Over 100 acres of pickles were planted each season around Syracuse. Farmers received 60 cents per 50-lb bushel, providing



Syracuse Pickle Pickers, 1904

that the pickles were well formed and not over 3.5 inches in length! The station would salt down between 8000 and 9000 bushels of pickles each season in its eleven 14'H x 8'D cylindrical vats. Each vat was capable of holding 1000 bushels of pickles at a time. There were also Union Canning Company salting stations at Nappanee and Leesburg. The Syracuse plant was run by A. H. Blanchard. It closed in September of 1905.



A. H. Blanchard and G. H. Keefer with Pickling Vats

## Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

**The Syracuse-Wawasee Historical Museum has a new advertising brochure.** We think you'll be pleased with the brochure's professional look and quality, produced by Able Printing in North Webster. We've enclosed one in this edition of your newsletter; please use it

to spread the word about our organization! Brochures will be distributed around town and in the greater northern Indiana area to entice people to come and check us out! If you'd like to have some brochures to pass out or display at your place of business, please contact us.

**The Syracuse-Wawasee Historical Museum was voted "Outstanding Non-Profit Organization 2014" by the Syracuse Chamber of Commerce!** What a wonderful honor—we are pleased that the community recognizes and appreciates our efforts to promote local history in our town!

# How-To Tips: Preserving Family Photos

How should old photographs be stored so they will last for generations to come? Here are eight tips from Pamela Wiggins of About.com Antiques:

1. Take your photos out of "magnetic" or peel and stick albums. The materials they are made of - ordinary plastic, glue and cardboard - will damage photos over time. If you decide to use a commercial photo album, look for one labeled "acid-free."
2. Remove any glue, tape, staples, rubber bands and paper clips that might stain, scratch or dent photographs before placing them in an acid-free album, storage box or frame. Only clean, dry metal boxes or cardboard boxes labeled "acid free" should be used for storing photos.
3. Label the back of the photo gently with a permanent marker. Include the names and ages of those in the photo along with where the photograph was taken. Do not use a ballpoint pen to write on the back of photographs. The pressure of the pen may damage the photo and the ink will likely fade over time.
4. To store photographs individually, place them in plastic sleeves void of PVC, which can be purchased at photo supply stores. Plastic sandwich bags are a good, inexpensive alternative to plastic sleeves.
5. Store large quantities of photos by layering them between sheets of acid-free paper in metal or acid-free cardboard boxes.
6. When framing, use acid-free mats to keep photos from touching the glass and acid-free backboards to avoid deterioration of the image. If you are having a photograph professionally framed, be sure to tell the framer you want acid-free materials.
7. If you are framing a precious photograph, consider having it duplicated before placing it under glass just in case it fades over time while on display.
8. Keep photos out of attics, basements, and garages where they will be subject to extreme temperature and humidity fluctuations. Instead, store photos in temperate environments— not too hot, cold, wet, or dry.



Morrison Family  
of Morrison Island

**History has  
rewritten itself  
so many times  
I'm not really  
sure how it was  
to begin with ..  
It's a bit like  
trying to guess  
the original  
color of a wall  
when it's been  
repainted eight  
times.**

**- Jasper Fforde,  
Something  
Rotten**

## Seeking Exhibitors

We thank Jean Orcutt of Atwood, Indiana, for offering part of her miniature horse figurine collection for display in the museum during January and February. Hope you had the chance to walk through and see it! We also thank Pat Appenzeller and John Heckaman for teaming up to display a collection of antique toys in the month of December. **If you have a collection that you'd like to share with the public, please contact us—we still have openings for visiting displays in 2015.**

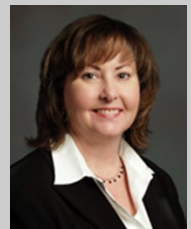
We are grateful for the following recent donations: a Marine service ribbon and five medals (courtesy of Ernie Rivas II) and a 1919 journal of James Rothenberger (courtesy of Kim Visscher). Thank you for enriching our collection!

## News from the Board of Directors

We're expecting 2015 to be a banner year for the Syracuse-Wawasee Historical Museum! This spring, we'll be replacing and reorganizing the displays in the center section of the museum. New cases will be much taller, allowing more items to be displayed in less space and opening up more room for future donations. Stop by in May to see our new look!

We're happy to announce that we've received a grant from the Kenneth and Leila Harkless Foundation to help fund operational expenses and improvements in 2015!

We're thankful for continued support to grow our museum into a premier source of pride and pleasure for the Syracuse community.



**Peggy Genshaw  
Board President**

# Membership

Our 2015 membership drive is underway and we are still waiting to hear from some of you! Please consider renewing your annual membership or upgrading to a lifetime membership today. We appreciate your continued support!

Thank you to our new or renewing members for 2015:

**New Members:** Cynthia Fry, Maryellen Nelson

**Renewing Members:** Charles and Priscilla Garner, Paul and Martha Stoelting

Membership options and fees are:

Annual	Individual	\$20
	Family	\$30
	Corporate	\$100
	Lifetime	\$150 / person

New lifetime members will receive a free copy of Early Wawasee Days by Eli Lilly, which can be picked up at the Museum. Annual memberships run from January to December. To continue your membership, complete and mail the following 2015 Membership Renewal Form. Please make checks payable to Syracuse-Wawasee Historical Museum.

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## 2015 Membership Renewal Form

Mail form and payment to:  
**Syracuse-Wawasee Historical Museum**  
**1013 North Long Drive**  
**Syracuse, IN 46567**

Name		
Address		
Telephone		
Email		
Membership Type	Individual Corporate	Family Lifetime
Total Enclosed		

**Remember,  
remember  
always, that all  
of us, and you  
and I especially,  
are descended  
from  
immigrants and  
revolutionists.**

**- Franklin  
Delano  
Roosevelt**

# Upcoming Events and Programs

You are cordially invited to attend the  
**Night at the Museum**

Living History Wax Museum  
of Very Important Persons from Syracuse's Past  
Presented by 4th Grade High-Ability Students of Syracuse and North Webster Elementary Schools

**When: Tuesday, March 24th, 2015 starting at 6:30 pm**

**Where: At the SWH Museum! (Program will start with an introduction in the Syracuse Community Center's Kiwanis room)**

**What: Each participating student has prepared an oral biographical sketch of a significant Syracusan from the past, complete with costume. Visitors will tour the museum by visiting the "wax figures" and hearing them coming to life!**

**Who: Meet Eli Lilly, J.P. Dolan, Sheldon Harkless, John Sudlow, Samuel Crosson, Shanna Zolman, Bonnie Spink Cuniff, Celia Smith, and more!**

**Light refreshments will be served**

**Please come and support our youth—and learn some local history too!**

This event is sponsored by Dekko Foundation and Kosciusko County Community Foundation.



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## Syracuse-Wawasee Historical Museum

### FYI: List of Syracuse Town Businessmen, 1882-1883

William R. Bowld: Saloon and Cigar Manufacturer

A. C. Brower: Saw Mill

H. N. Collander: Lawyer

Collar and Miller: Physicians

Doddridge C. Edgell: Confectionary

Thomas Eppert: Blacksmith

Addison Green: Hardware

Mrs. Elizabeth Hardesty: Milliner

Joseph Henderson: Flour Mill

Eli Holloway: Druggist and Jeweler

F. M. Ihrig: Physician

David Kelley: Kelley House Proprietor and Physician

S. L. Ketring: & Company: Grain

Joseph A. Kindig: Dry Goods

Kindig & Hier: Livery

Charles Knorr: Physician

Charles W. Knorr: Druggist

Frank Landis: Furniture

Rev. W. W. Lovett: Pastor, Church of God

Low & Evans: Grocers

Mrs. C. Miles: Lake House Proprietor

E. W. Miles: Blacksmith

Henry Mitchell: Shoemaker

Francis Ott: Saw Mill

George M. Ray: Lawyer

Alfred Roberts: Saloon

M. Snyder: Wagon Maker

John W. Steller: General Store

Harry Sterling: Barber

William Wallace: Harness Maker

John Wayer: Boots and Shoes

Weaver & Bushong: Grocers

Z. Widner: Wagon Maker

J. R. Young: Baker

From: The Polk Directory

Internet Source: IN County Preservation Society